GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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HAJ FLIGHTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Haj Pilgrims ferried by the Air India/Indian Airlines and the Saudi Arabian Airlines from the different embarkation points during 2003 alongwith comparative figures for 2001 and 2002;

(b) the number of flights operated by these airlines for the purpose;

(c) whether the aircraft were adequate enough to ferry all the haj pilgrims to Jeddah;

(d) if so, the average amount spent on fare of each pilgrim alongwith the amount of subsidy provided by the Government per pilgrim;

(e) the number of haj pilgrims to whom the said subsidy was provided; and

(f) the total amount of subsidy provided by the Government?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)

(a) and (b) : The details are as under:-

	2003		2002		2001	
Embarkation Point	Flights	Pilg-rims	Operator	Flights	Pilg-rims	Operator	Flights	Pilg-rims	Operator
Ahmedabad	16	4448	SV	21	5997	SV	22	7215	AI
Bangalore	9	3619	AI	10	4076	AI	16	4988	AI
Chennai	7	2820	AI	7	2786	AI	10	2983	AI
Delhi	42	12175	SV/AI#	44	12884	SV/AI	87	26759	AI
Hyderabad	17	4900	SV	22	4648	IA	13	3847	AI
Kolkata ##	15	5872	AI	15	5896	AI	18	5322	AI
Kozhikode	20	7986	AI	17	6951	AI	-	-	-
Kochi	-	-	-	-	-	-	21	6760	SV
Lucknow	38	7509	AI	34	6638	AI	-	-	-
Mumbai	39	10910	SV	49	14025	SV	47	13341	SV
Nagpur	5	1765	AI	-	-	-	-	-	-
Srinagar	36	7717	IA	30	6397	IA	-	-	-
Total	244	69721		249	70298		234	71215	

SV = Saudi Arabian Airlines
AI = Air India
IA = Indian Airlines
# = One AI flight from Kolkata routed via Delhi.
= Includes 1511 (pilgrims from Gaya who travelled Gaya/Kolkata on Indian Airlines Flight).

(c) : Yes, Sir.

(d), (e) and (f) : The details are as under:-

Year	Fare per Pilgrim (Rupees)	Subsidy paid by the Govt. (Per Pilgrim) (Rupees)	No. of Haj pilgrims	Total amount of subsidy (Rupees)
2001	33000#	21000#	71215	149.55 Crore#
2002	35300#	23300#	70298	163.80 Crore#
2003	40685#	28685#	69721	200.00 Crore#

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